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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, the cultivated extent of 'Pisanam' paddy crop in Shencottah was 7,217 acres. The area under single crop was 455 acres and the rest under double crop. The crop has completely failed in 2,745 acres and the crop is likely to wither in 3,036 acres. The 'Kar' crop was successful in Shencottah taluk.

In Tenkasi taluk, 'Pisanam' paddy crop was cultivated over an extent of 27,176 acres. The crop has completely failed in 12,005 acres and the crop is likely to wither in 8,159 acres. The extent of cultivation of double crop was 23,214 acres. The 'Kar' crop was successful in this taluk also.

There is no case for the postponement of collection of land revenue or loan amounts in these taluks. However, remission has been granted on wet lands in Tenkasi taluk where crops have failed. In Shencottah taluk, the question of remission on the assessment of wet lands does not arise, as basic tax has been levied in that taluk.

Rice is distributed on family card system in Shencottah Municipality and in Tenkasi and Kadayanallur Town Panchayats in Tenkasi taluk. The distribution is made on the basis of 8 ounces per adult per day. *Ad hoc* supply is made to deficit pockets in rural parts through co-operatives and retailers. A total supply of 28 tonnes of rice is made every week to Shencottah taluk and 105 tonnes of rice is supplied to Tenkasi taluk every week.

Under the levy scheme, very low targets have been fixed consistent with the expected low yield of paddy. The target fixed for procurement of paddy is 550 tonnes in Tenkasi taluk and 100 tonnes in Shencottah taluk. One hundred and thirty tonnes of paddy have so far been procured in Shencottah taluk and 109 tonnes in Tenkasi taluk. It is not considered necessary to withdraw the graded levy scheme now in force in these areas.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) NOMINATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that under Rule 214 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate the following Members of the Assembly to be members of the Committee on Government Assurances for the year 1965—66 :—

    (1) Sri A. RAGHAVA REDDI.

    (2) Sri A. ARUMUGAM.

    (3) Sri A. S. DAKSHINAMOORTHY GOUNDER.

    (4) Sri S. NANJUNDA RAU.

    (5) Sri RAMA. ARANGANNAL.

    (6) Sri N. SOUNDARAPANDIAN.

    (7) Sri A. SWAMIDHAS.

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Under Rule 215 (1) of the said Rules, I nominate Sri Rama Arangannal to be the Chairman of the Committee.

(2) ELECTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following eleven members were duly nominated for the eletion of eleven members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the House Committee for 1965–66 :—

(1) Sri A. S. DHAKSHNAMOORTHY GOUNDER.

(2) Sri N. DURAIPANDIAN.

(3) Sri G. D. PERUMAL RAJU.

(4) Sri A. L. RAMAKRISHNA NAICKER.

(5) Sri S. ANGAMUTHU NAICKER.

(6) Sri V. S. ARUNACHALAM.

(7) Sri A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR.

(8) Sri A. THIAGARAJAN.

(9) Sri MUNU. ADHI.

(10) Sri M. P. VADIVELU.

(11) Sri KR. RM. KARIAMANICKAM AMBALAM.

As the number of candidates who were duly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled viz., eleven, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

Under Rule 221 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate—

(1) Sri K. GOPALA GOUNDER,

(2) Sri P. APPAVOO,

(3) Sri M. S. MANI AND

(4) Sri S. MANI.

to be members of the House Committee.

The Deputy Speaker is the *ex-officio* Chairman of the House Committee.

(3) ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following fifteen members were duly nominated for the election of fifteen members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the Committee of Privileges for the year 1965–66 :—

(1) Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM.

(2) Sri K. B. PALANI.

(3) Dr. B. NATARAJAN.

(4) Sri G. RAJARAM.

(5) Sri N. RAMASWAMY UDAYAR.